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28.  LIAISON Don Hoyer, on the staff of Representative Dan Daniel (D., Va.), called to ask whether we had any information about an international magazine that has just come out entitled Social and Political Affairs. He said he had no more information about it than that. I called the Agency library and they said they would see if they could find any information on it.


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29.  LEGISLATION I called Ev Bierman, Minority Staff Director, House International Relations Committee, to get a reading of the conference on the State Authorization bill with respect to Senator William W. Proxmire's (D., Wis.) "gift" amendment. He said he needed to collect his notes before being definitive but felt that we were fully protected. Removed from the amendment were provisions with respect to gift giving and gift accepting and leaving in the bill provisions that GAO will audit State Department's special fund used for the purchase of gifts.

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30.  LEGISLATION I called Pat Holt, Chief of Staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, to get his reading on the action of the conferees on the State Authorization bill. He reiterated what we had heard before, that the provision for gift giving and gift accepting had been removed from the bill, leaving only the provision that GAO would audit State Department's special fund with respect to gifts.

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31.  LIAISON I called Tom Smeeton, Minority Subcommittee Consultant, House International Relations Committee, and told him I had passed Representative William Broomfield's (R., Mich.) remarks on oversight to the Director and that the Director had called Representative Broomfield directly. I thanked Smeeton for the alert.

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5. [REDACTED] LIAISON I called Representative Stephen J. Solarz (D., N.Y.) and spoke to him about the briefing for himself and Representative Michael Harrington (D., Mass.) set for 30 June. (See Memorandum for the Record.)

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7. [REDACTED] LEGISLATION Spoke with Dr. Benjamin Cooper, Professional Staff Member, Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, regarding conference deliberations on the Federal Energy Administration Extension Act. Dr. Cooper said that due to a number of complications the conferees had not yet focused on Title 5 of the bill; Title 5 would establish an Office of Energy Information within the FEA that could draw on energy-related information of other Federal agencies. Since under current law FEA's legislative charter expires on 30 June, the Congress may opt for a bill extending the Agency for 30 days, in which case disposition of the provisions in Title 5 in which we are interested would be put off probably until after the July recess.

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8. [REDACTED] LEGISLATION Bill Shattuck, Counsel to the Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations, House Judiciary Committee, called to let me know that Representative Paul McCloskey (R., Calif.) was planning on introducing an amendment to the Government in the Sunshine bill changing the language to the (b)(3) exemption in the Freedom of Information Act. He read me the language over the phone, and I told him I would get back to him tomorrow.

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